Citizens Clean Elections Commission Executive Director Report October 27, 2005 (for 11/3/05 meeting)

Announcements

• I am continuing to meet with members of the legislature.

Participation

• We currently have 27 participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle.

<u>Budget</u>

• Our Fund Balance is \$24.7 million.

Voter Education

- OMA is preparing the 2006 education plan to be presented at the November 18, 2005 commission meeting.
- Deadline for debate sponsorship applications is 10/31. We have received four applications to date, with the promise of more to come from previous sponsors.
- Participating candidate workshop ads continue to run weekly in The Capitol Times and the postcards continue to be sent out on a regular basis.

5 Year Rule Review Update

• We have completed the final draft of the report with the assistance of our consultant, Dean Wright. The document will be filed on or before the October 31, 2005 deadline.

Staffing

- We said "good bye" this week to our Voter Education Manager, Autumn Southard. I am in the process of filling this position.
- I have completed interviews for the Deputy Director position. I have not yet made a final decision.
- We have received over 140 applications for the administrative assistant III position and Paula and Colleen are reviewing the 25 applications that meet the job requirements. We will hire a replacement as soon as possible.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 2 complaints filed and no action was taken. I will be reviewing the 2006 complaints as they arise.
- 2004 79 complaints total. Gene Lemon is wrapping up 2004 enforcement matters.
 - o 1 internally generated complaint under review (Dial).
 - o 4 are under investigation (Cheuvront, Hammann, Hernandez, & Murphy).
 - o 3 investigations are complete, OAH decision issued (Smith & Murchison) or settlement (Gowan).
 - o 70 cases are completed and closed.